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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HILL AIR
FORCE BASE**

2004 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: David L. Thomas

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor supports Hill Air Force Base.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ expresses support and gratitude for the contributions made by Hill Air Force Base and those who serve there to the nation's safety, the state's economy, and its nearby communities; and
- ▶ expresses support for the continued use, operation functions, and expansion of Hill Air Force Base in the future.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, for over 60 years, Hill Air Force Base has played a vital role as a critical support to the defense of the nation;

WHEREAS, the Ogden Air Logistics Center and its vast and unique industrial capability provides life cycle and combat support for fighter aircraft, the U.S. silo-based intercontinental ballistic missile force, C-130 transport aircraft, landing gear, wheels, and brakes for all air force air craft, advanced cruise missiles, and munitions management and



28 storage;

29 WHEREAS, its unique capabilities include one-of-a-kind Department of Defense
30 capability in Computed Tomography, Strategic Missile Integration Facility, worldwide
31 visibility of munitions storage, Advanced Composite manufacture and repair, a software
32 technology support center, the Little Mountain Survivability and Vulnerability Integration
33 Center, and the Oasis remote test and distribution site;

34 WHEREAS, the Utah Test and Training Range is the nation's largest Department of
35 Defense controlled airspace with 17,000 square miles for test and training operations;

36 WHEREAS, the Utah Test and Training Range is the only test range for cruise missile
37 flight testing, is invaluable to the development of this critical technology, and provides for
38 overland training of aircrews from all over the Air Force that cannot be achieved at any other
39 continental United States location;

40 WHEREAS, the 388th Fighter Wing of the Air Combat Command and the 419th
41 Fighter Wing of the Air Force Reserve are both located at Hill Air Force Base and benefit from
42 the Utah Test and Training Range;

43 WHEREAS, the men and women of these two organizations employ the latest
44 technology in their F-16 Fighters when called to support U.S. interests anywhere in the world
45 and are currently involved with providing combat capability in the Middle East;

46 WHEREAS, the 388th Fighter Wing forms the 1st Air Expeditionary Force and the
47 419th Fighter Wing provides air power for the 7th Air Expeditionary Force;

48 WHEREAS, Hill Air Force Base and the 388th and 419th Fighter Wings were involved
49 in the war with Iraq as they were with Operation Desert Storm and Operation Enduring
50 Freedom;

51 WHEREAS, during Operation Desert Storm, Hill Air Force Base deployed over 1,300
52 personnel and over three million pounds of equipment to provide combat capability for the
53 United States, which included personnel for medical support, security, civil engineers,
54 communications, combat logistics support, services, and explosive ordinance disposal, besides
55 aircrew and aircraft;

56 WHEREAS, the depot surged components for all aircraft involved in the conflict,
57 delivered six aircraft early from depot maintenance to be involved in the fight, and thousands
58 of refurbished items;

59 WHEREAS, as the ammunition control point, Hill Air Force Base managed the
60 movement of over 71 million pounds of munitions worldwide, creating what was called an
61 "iron bridge" from Hill Air Force Base to Saudi Arabia;

62 WHEREAS, the same "around-the-clock" operation will be required for a future
63 conflict;

64 WHEREAS, Hill Air Force Base supports the community as well as the national
65 defense mission as hundreds are helped yearly through its Sub-for-Santa operations;

66 WHEREAS, Hill Air Force Base employees donate time to tutor students and support
67 scouting, youth sports programs, and community church projects;

68 WHEREAS, Hill Air Force Base employees are also involved in local city government
69 and other volunteer organizations and annually contribute almost a million dollars to charities;

70 WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2002, the Ogden Air Logistics Center was the only center to
71 finish operations on budget with the best efficiency and lowest operating costs in the Air Force
72 Material Command;

73 WHEREAS, Hill Air Force Base provides jobs for over 22,000 people and has an
74 impact of over \$2.1 billion on the area economy;

75 WHEREAS, Hill Air Force Base and the men and women that make it produce are an
76 invaluable part of the nation's defense posture, good neighbors in their communities, and an
77 essential part of the state's economy; and

78 WHEREAS, the state of Utah has spent over \$12 million to secure and protect the air
79 space around Hill Air Force Base:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
81 Governor concurring therein, express support and gratitude for the contributions that Hill Air
82 Force Base, and those who serve there, have made and continue to make to the nation's
83 defense, the state's economy, and the communities in which they live.

84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express support
85 for the continued use, operation functions, and expansion of Hill Air Force Base in the future.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Hill Air Force
87 Base, the Ogden Air Logistics Center, the Utah Test and Training Range, the 388th Fighter
88 Wing, the Air Combat Command, the 419th Fighter Wing, and the Air Force Reserve.

Legislative Review Note

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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